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Mr. Leo Cherne
Chairman, President's Foreign
Intelligence Advisory Board
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Leo:

During my year as Director of Central Intelligence I have come to know and appreciate first hand the role played by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

I believe that 1976 was a good year for the U.S. foreign intelligence community--a year in which we were able to restore confidence in the integrity of our foreign intelligence mission at the highest levels of the Government, a year marked by innovations in the development of our most important intelligence products; 1976 was also a year in which we wrestled with new problems and new threats to our ability to fulfill our mission. The Board's contribution to these activities, through its advice to me and its recommendations to the President, has been significant.

For myself and for the Intelligence Community, let me say thank you. I firmly believe that the President is well served by having the advice of such a dedicated and talented group of citizens, and I endorse its continuation.

Sincerely,

George Bush
George Bush

*I hope our
paths cross
in the future -
Best - GJB*